

What is claimed is:

1. A method for treating a patient having a chronic HCV infection, comprising:
 - a) administering to said patient's blood a photoactivatable compound; and
 - b) treating at least a portion of said patient's blood of step a) with light in a wavelength that activates said photoactivatable compound, and returning the treated blood to said patient.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said photoactivatable compound is a psoralen.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said psoralen is 8-methoxypsoralen.
4. A method for treating a patient having a chronic HCV infection, wherein said patient has been previously treated with interferon alpha, comprising:
 - a) administering to said patient's blood a photoactivatable compound; and
 - b) treating at least a portion of said patient's blood of step a) with light in a wavelength that activates said photoactivatable compound, and returning the treated blood to said patient.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein said photoactivatable compound is a psoralen.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein said psoralen is 8-methoxypsoralen.
7. A method for treating a patient having a chronic HCV infection, comprising:
 - a) administering interferon alpha to said patient;
 - b) administering to said patient's blood a photoactivatable compound; and

c) treating at least a portion of said patient's blood of step b) with light in a wavelength that activates said photoactivatable compound and returning the treated blood to said patient.

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8. The method of claim 7 wherein said photoactivatable compound is a psoralen.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein said psoralen is 8-methoxypsoralen.